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Title: Need to provide relief to all the victims of natural calamity irrespective of BPL or APL category person under Indira Awas Yojana.

SHRIMATI ARCHANA NAYAK (KENDRAPARA): Thank you, Mr. Chairman, for giving me this opportunity. I would like to raise the following matter for the consideration of the hon. Minister of Rural Development. The Indira Awas Yojana being implemented by the Ministry of Rural Development gives financial assistance for shelter to the poor living below the poverty line. The Indira Awas Yojana provides immediate and timely relief to the victims of riots, flood, cyclone and fire. But the irony is that a citizen who has lost his sole house and property is denied this facility only because of the fact that he belongs to the category of Above the Poverty Line. This inequality should be removed.

Therefore, I would like to request the hon. Minister of Rural Development to give Indira Awas Yojana to all those who lost their houses during riot, cyclone, flood, fire or other natural calamities irrespective of the fact that he is a BPL or APL category person.

Similarly, the fund allocated under the Indira Awas Yojana is too inadequate amount being Rs. 25,000 per unit for plain areas and Rs. 27,500 for hilly or difficult areas. The amount should be increased to Rs. 35,000 for plain areas and Rs. 45,000 for hilly or difficult areas. Thank you.